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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and cited in the International Search Report (PCT Form PCT/ISA/210) dated September 14, 2004 and International Preliminary Examination Report, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the PCT Branch. Further, English-language Abstracts are attached to the references and a partial English translation of the International Search Report is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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